

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 and 23 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 8, 10, 12 and 21 are amended and claims 22 and 24 are cancelled.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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